

# CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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## ADDENDUM #1

### INVITATION FOR BID #14-04

#### PELLEGRINI PARK IMPROVEMENTS

THIS ADDENDUM IS TO: **Answer the following Questions from the Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting:**

Q1. The specifications call for certain type of playground equipment. May bidders substitute equipment equal or superior to the equipment called for in the specifications?

**A1. Substitutions of equal or superior equipment are permitted with the prior approval of the Parks & Recreation Department's Certified Playground Safety Inspector, Stephanie Lapham. Requests for substitution must be submitted in writing to Stephanie Lapham at [slapham@newtonma.gov](mailto:slapham@newtonma.gov) or delivered to 124 Vernon Street Newton, MA, and be sufficiently detailed to allow Ms. Lapham to make an informed decision. Such requests may be submitted no later than noon on August 9, 2013.**

Q2. Who chose the playground equipment in the specifications?

**A2. The City's Parks & Recreation Department, in consultation with the local community, makes decisions about the equipment and any equipment substitutions. The Parks & Recreation Department make final decisions regarding equipment substitutions.**

Q3. Is Prevailing Wages required for this project?

**A3. YES. This is a public works construction project and all Massachusetts Department of Labor requirements must be met. As the project is funded by the federal government, Davis Bacon wage requirements also apply. The higher of Massachusetts Prevailing Wage or Davis Bacon will apply.**

Q4. Can there be multiple substitutes for play equipment?

**A4. NO. The specifications call for an integrated play set. Any substitutions must be that of another manufacturer's integrated play set. Element by element substitutions are not permitted.**

Q5. What brand of play set is specified in the IFB?

**A5. PlayWorld Systems**

Q6. How many playgrounds are under construction or in planning stages in the City of Newton?

**A6. Nine (9) including Pellegrini. The City has worked with PlayWorld on many, but not all, playground projects and the City has worked with several other manufacturers in the region.**

All other terms and conditions of this bid remain unchanged.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THIS ADDENDUM ON YOUR BID FORM.**

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas Read". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicholas Read  
*Chief Procurement Officer*